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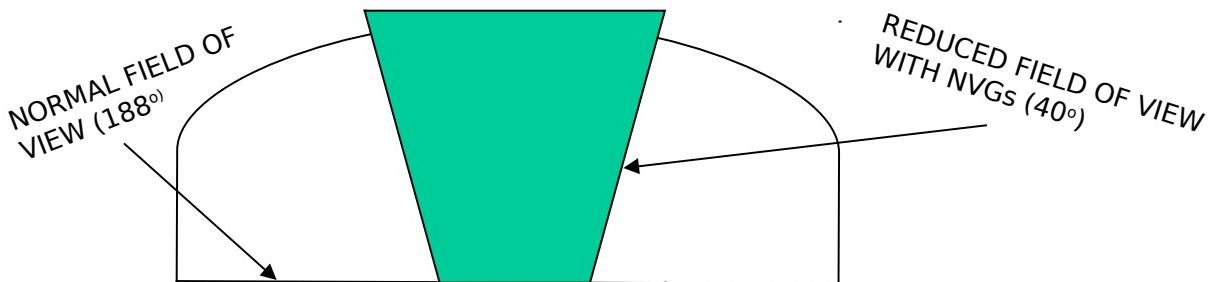
NIGHT VISION GOGGLES

~~ALERT!~~



Soldiers must be aware of the limitations of the night-vision goggles (NVGs):

- Reduced field of view (from 188 degrees unaided to about 40 degrees with NVGs). Remind soldiers that they must scan to make up for this limitation.
- Reduced visual acuity as illumination is reduced.
- Reduced depth perception and distance-estimation ability. Remind soldiers that they may tend to over-estimate distance and under-estimate depth, particularly in low light.
- Dark adaptation. Remind soldiers that, when goggles are removed, it takes about 30 seconds for the eye to adapt to current conditions.



IMPORTANT: Warn drivers against overconfidence, particularly the normal tendency to over-drive the capabilities of NVGs. Remember that drop-offs and ravines may not be visible. SLOW DOWN!